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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6244

BILL NUMBER: HB 1784

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 18, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Disposal of Infectious Waste.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Harris E

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Environmental Management to hold at least three local public hearings on a permit relating to a hazardous waste facility that disposes of infectious waste. It adds 30 days to the Department's permit review period. In Lake County, the bill requires an affirmative vote of the legislative body for approval of a special use petition for a hazardous waste disposal facility for the disposal of infectious waste. The bill also voids an approval of such a petition after June 30, 2004, that resulted from inaction of the legislative body.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: According to current statute, a public hearing must be held on the issuance of an original or renewal hazardous waste disposal facility permit either at the request of the applicant, upon the filing of a petition for hearing, or of a Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) commissioner motion. This bill requires three public hearings be held on the issuance of an original or renewal permit for a hazardous waste disposal facility that is used for the disposal of infectious waste.

The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on the amount of additional travel required by IDEM employees. Expenditures would be based on the number of additional meetings held and the distances traveled to the meetings. As of October 28, 2004, the mileage reimbursement rate for state employees was \$0.34 per mile.

Because the hearings are held in public facilities, IDEM will not incur costs associated with facility rental fees.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Although holding public hearings is included in the responsibilities of local governmental entities, additional hearings may increase the administrative burden on entities affected by this bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IDEM.

Local Agencies Affected: Certain counties.

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